# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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SUPER SPECIALITY DEGREE COURSES
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the university grants commission proposes to introduce Super Speciality Degree Courses in subjects such as Karamkand and Vedic Astrology in Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the courses are likely to be introduced; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by the Government to create more jobs in the area with an eye on the NRI market and simultaneously protecting the cultural heritage of the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (d): Considering that expertise in the Karamkand, both in quality and quantity, is not readily available and that there is an urgent need to rejuvenate the science of Vedic Astrology, the University Grants Commission (UGC) decided to approve, in principle, the Scheme of setting up of Departments of Karamkand and Vedic Astrology in selected Indian Universities. These Departments would impart teaching and training leading to certificate, diploma, undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. degrees in the subjects. The Commission has decided to set up an Expert Committee to examine the details of the proposed scheme and submit its report to the Commission for consideration.